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SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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1. EMBASSY CONTACTED APPROPRIATE FRG OFFICIALS TO
DETERMINE CURRENT FRG POSITION RE SUBJECT CONVENTION.
EC HAD HOPED TO DEAL WITH CONVENTION AS GROUP BUT WHEN
IT BECAME APPARENT SOME MEMBERS WOULD NOT BE PREPARED
TO RATIFY WITHIN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, FRG DECIDED
TO PROCEED EXPARTE. FRG ANTICIPATES DEPOSITING
RATIFICATION INSTRUMENT WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. FRG OFFICIAL CHARACTERIZED POSITIONS OF ITS' EC PARTNERS
AS FOLLOWS: DENMARK, BELGIUM, AND FRANCE ARE WELL ON
THEIR WAY TO RATIFYING CONVENTION SOMETIME IN 1976;
UK IMPLEMENTED THE CONVENTION AT BEGINNING OF 1976;
BUT HAS NOT RATIFIED DUE TO CERTAIN POLITICAL REASONS;
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IRELAND AND THE NETHERLANDS ARE HAVING SOME DIFFICULTIES

WITH RATIFICATION PROCESS, DUE IN PART TO LACK OF PREPARATION:
"NO ONE KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ITALY" ON THIS MATTER.

3. FRG LOOKING FORWARD TO ATTENDING FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING OF SIGNATORY NATIONS THEY UNDERSTAND TO BE HELD IN GENEVA SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER 1976. FRG HAS HEARD RUMORS TO EFFECT U.S. INTENDS TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS AT GENEVA MEETING TO EXPAND ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST. FRG WILL BE COMPELLED TO OPPOSE ANY SUCH PROPOSAL, AND PROBABLY WILL INITIATE MOVE TO DELETE FROM ENDANGERED LIST THOSE SPECIES NOT CONSIDERED RELEVANT TO INTER-NATIONAL TRADE. AIM OF CONVENTION, ACCORDING TO FRG, SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE TO INCLUDE ALL ENDANGERED SPECIES, BUT ONLY THOSE SPECIES ENDANGERED BY INTER-NATIONAL TRADE. FRG BELIEVES CONVENTION CANNOT BE EFFICIENT IF TOO COMPLICATED.

4. FRG OFFICIALS ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD CONFIRM RUMORS OF U.S. INTENTION TO ATTEMPT EXPAND ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST AT GENEVA MEETING.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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